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1. SUMMARY: THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT  
A DELEGATION LED BY DE LACHARRIERE WILL BE IN  
WASHINGTON MONDAY TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATION AND SIGN  
THE COMPROMIS. WE HAVE AGAIN UNDERSCORED TO THE FRENCH  
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DELEGATION'S HAVING NEGOTIATING  
FLEXIBILITY. EMBASSY IS GRATEFUL FOR PROMPT AND  
EFFECTIVE WASHINGTON BACKSTOPPING ON THIS SUBJECT.  
END SUMMARY.

2. SATURDAY MORNING MINECON AND CIVIL AIR ATTACHE  
CARRIED OUT THE REFTEL INSTRUCTION WITH A GROUP OF  
FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HEADED BY DE LA  
SABLIERE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET. TO AVOID  
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RISK OF MISUNDERSTANDING, WE LEFT THEM AN INFORMAL  
PAPER (TEXT IN PARA FOUR BELOW). THEY CONFIRMED THAT A  
DELEGATION WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY MORNING. THE  
DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY QUAI LEGAL ADVISER  
DE LACHARRIERE. OTHER MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE  
DE SEDOUY (FROMENT-MEURICE'S DEPUTY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS),

GUILLAUME, LEGAL ADVISER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CIVIL AVIATION, AND CUNY OF DE LACHARRIERE'S STAFF. DE LA SABLIERE SAID THAT THEIR TEAM WOULD HAVE NAMES TO SUGGEST FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL.

3. WE REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEAM'S HAVING FLEXIBILITY TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATION ON THE REMAINING UNRESOLVED ISSUES. PRIOR TO OUR MEETING, THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN STRESSED TO QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU THE REASONABLENESS OF OUR POSITION; THE FACT THAT OUR INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AT HIGH LEVEL; AND THE NECESSITY FOR THE FRENCH NEGOTIATORS TO BE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE. SOUTOU SUBSEQUENTLY BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD ON THE MATTER.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE INFORMAL PAPER GIVEN THE FRENCH JULY 8:

BEGIN TEXT:

WITH REFERENCE TO THE INFORMAL PAPER ON THE PAN AMERICAN CHANGE OF GAUGE ISSUE CONVEYED TO THE EMBASSY ON JULY 6 BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

-- WE WOULD BE WILLING RELUCTANTLY TO ACCEPT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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/RENCH PROPOSAL MENTIONED IN PART IV OF THE INFORMAL PAPER DATED JULY 6 CONCERNING NON-BINDING ARBITRATION OF THE PART 213 ISSUE\* ASSUMING AGREEMENT ON THE PRECISE QUESTION AND THE TERMS OF THE COMPROMIS. ON THE OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES, DIFFERENCES IN THE POSITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE SEEM TO HAVE NARROWED.

-- WE THEREFORE WISH TO INVITE THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATION AND SIGNATURE OF A COMPROMIS ON JULY 10 AND 11. IF THIS INVITATION IS ACCEPTABLE, THE INITIAL MEETING WOULD BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF MR. LEE MARKS, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

-- WE SUGGEST THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION BRING A LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL. WE ASSUME THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO SIGN A COMPROMIS AND SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE NEGOTIATIONS TO BE COMPLETED.

END TEXT.

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